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later), the shipping companies shall submit a copy of each certificate of discharge to the address in §14.103(a) at least once per calendar month.

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§14.313 Storage of shipping articles and of certificates of discharge.

- (a) Each shipping company shall keep all original shipping articles and copies of all certificates of discharge for 3 years. After 3 years the shipping companies shall prepare the original shipping articles in alphabetical order by vessel name and send to the address in §14.103(a) for storage at the Federal Records Center at Suitland, Maryland. The company may dispose of the copies of certificates of discharge. The Coast Guard will dispose of copies of certificates submitted manually, once the data are entered into its sea-service database and are validated.
- (b) Each shipping company that goes out of business or merges with another company shall send all original articles to the address in §14.103(a) within 30 days of the transaction.
- (c) The shipping company must provide copies of shipping articles and certificates of discharge to the mariner and the Coast Guard upon request.

Subpart D—Oceanographic Research Vessels

§14.401 General.

Unless otherwise provided by Title 46 United States Code, by any act amending or supplementing that Title, or by this subpart, that Title as far as it governs the employment of merchant mariners remains, and any act amending or supplementing that title becomes, applicable to oceanographic research vessels.

§14.403 Exemptions.

(a) Certain requirements of Title 46, United States Code do not apply to the employment of merchant mariners on oceanographic research vessels. These requirements are those concerned with, among other things, the shipment and discharge of mariners, their pay and allotments, and the adequacy of their clothing. 46 U.S.C. 2113(2) allows exemptions of oceanographic research vessels from certain requirements of parts B, C, F, or G of subtitle II of 46 U.S.C., upon such terms as the Secretary of the Department of Transportation deems suitable. The exemptions available under this subpart are subject to the following terms:

- (1) No use of any exemption relieves the owner, charterer, managing operator, master, or individual in charge of the vessel of other statutory responsibilities for the protection of every mariner under his or her command.
- (2) If it is presented at a reasonable time and in a reasonable manner, the master or individual in charge shall receive, consider, and appropriately address the legitimate complaint of any mariner.
- (b) For any oceanographic research vessel sailing with any mariner employed by any firm, association, corporation, or educational or govern-mental body or agency, the Commandant may grant exemptions from—
 - (1) 46 U.S.C. 10301, Application;
- (2) 46 U.S.C. 10302, Shipping articles (for foreign and intercoastal voyages):
 - (3) 46 U.S.C. 10307, Posting of articles; (4) 46 U.S.C. 10308, Foreign engage-
- ments:
- (5) 46 U.S.C. 10311, Certificates of discharge:
- (6) 46 U.S.C. 10313 and 10504, Wages;
- (7) 46 U.S.C. 10314 and 10505, Advances:
 - (8) 46 U.S.C. 10315, Allotments;
 - (9) 46 U.S.C. 10316 and 10506. Trusts:
- (10) 46 U.S.C. 10321 and 10508, General penalties;
- (11) 46 U.S.C. 10502, Shipping articles (for coastwise voyages); and
- (12) 46 U.S.C. 10509. Penalty for failure to begin coastwise voyages.

§ 14.405 Procedures.

- (a) Upon written request for the owner, charterer, managing operator, master, or individual in charge of the vessel to the OCMI of the Coast Guard in whose zone the vessel is located, the Commandant may grant an exemption of any oceanographic research vessel designated by 46 U.S.C. 2113(2) from any requirement of any section listed by
- (b) The request must state—